

Photo by Troy Alexander

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU-- Students injured in a staged wreck on Lake Street demonstrate what can happen if a person drives while intoxicated. The accident and mock trial were part of Alcohol Awareness Week planned by the Student Senate. See Special Health Section inside.

Registration begins Monday

Although the fall semester is not yet over, registering for spring classes begins Monday.

Time permits for early registration will be available in the registrar's office through Tuesday when early registration ends.

Students confused about the next step towards their chosen career can pick up a copy of a suggested degree plan for their major from the student assistant in the counselor's office, Counselor Dr. Alan Barnes said.

These suggested degree plans give students ideas for class selection and outline the basic plan to earn an associate's degree from TJC.

But this degree plan suggests only TJC requirements. Students planning to transfer to a senior college should check that college's requirements so they can select courses wisely, Barnes said.

Students with undeclared or undecided majors need to meet with a counselor prior to registration. All new students must also talk to a counselor to select a major.

Those on scholastic probation, with a grade point average below 2.0, and students who want teacher certification need academic counseling before registration also, Barnes said.

All others need to meet with the academic adviser for their chosen major to decide a course plan. They can get a list of faculty advisers in the counselor's office or in the TJC News stands.

NAFTA dominates both parties, decision to affect many lives

by Greg Romine
staff writer

The North American Free Trade Agreement has become the most controversial topic in politics for the past month. Members of both political parties are equally vocal on each side. Yesterday's vote in the U.S. House of Representatives will affect the lives of people throughout the world.

NAFTA will eliminate tariffs at the U.S.-Mexico border. NAFTA supporters say this will enable U.S. companies to sell products in Mexico easier, and it will create more jobs in the United States. NAFTA opponents say that, because of Mexico's lower wages and almost non-existent environmental codes, companies could move to Mexico and take jobs away from Americans.

Both sides claim to have the Japanese against them. Supporters say that if NAFTA does not pass, Japanese business will move in and take over.

During a Nov. 9 debate with Ross Perot on CNN's "Larry King Live!," Vice President Al Gore said, "President Salinas has a trade mission to Japan a month after the vote on NAFTA. If we don't take

this deal, you can bet that Japan will try to take this deal. They'll be in there in a New York minute."

According to Perot's book "Save Your Job, Save Our Country," European and Japanese corporations refused to deal with Salinas in 1989 and early 1990. "The keys to Japanese and European investment at the levels Mexico wanted, he (Salinas) was told, were expanded protection for investors and guaranteed access into the vast U.S. market," the book states. NAFTA would give them this access.

"I don't know whether it's a good deal or not," Government Program Director Ray Bagwell said. He supports it because he trusts the people who came out for it.

"After it's ratified, five years from now we can look back to see who was right," Bagwell said.

Government Instructor David Ligon said he was "not given a lot of information on what it is and what it does." He blamed this on "the media's failure to inform the public."

The president was permitted to keep most of NAFTA a secret by legislation passed in late May,

'If we don't take this deal, you can bet that Japan . . . will be there in a New York minute.'

1991. Known as "fast track" it gave President Bush the authority to negotiate NAFTA in complete secrecy and without the participation of Congress or the U.S. public.

According to Perot's book, "fast track" authorized Bush to:

- enter negotiations with Mexico and Canada at his sole discretion,
- set the agenda on which items would be negotiated and the negotiating objective for each,
- select all private sector advisers,
- conduct the entire negotiations in secrecy and make side agreements that could remain a secret,
- restrict Congress' access to materials about the agreement during the negotiations,
- determine when, or if, any materials about the agreement, including the final text, would be released to the public and
- send a final agreement to

Congress that cannot be amended.

"Fast track" was only supposed to last 24 months, but before it expired, Clinton administration allies slipped a renewal into the 1,000+ page Budget Reconciliation Package that was rushed to vote May 27. Not a word was said about NAFTA during the abbreviated debate on the budget bill.

Ligon supports NAFTA "based on the facts as I know them," he said. NAFTA is an expansion into the global economy. "The Mexican standard of living will increase, and their pay scale will increase," Ligon said, "Companies will not move to Mexico."

NAFTA supporters and opponents have been caught up in the numbers game. Perot says NAFTA could cost America 5.9 million jobs, but according to many economists 700,000 jobs are linked to trade with Mexico. Gore said we have a \$5.4 billion trade surplus with Mexico, but Perot says only 19 percent of that is

actually bought by Mexican consumers. Gore's figures include merchandise sent to Mexico, assembled with other products and sold back in the U.S.

Irving R. Levine, a former economics correspondent for NBC, said, "Statistics are like bikinis. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital." Levine spoke at University of Texas at Tyler.

Most NAFTA opponents agree with the concept of free trade, but they believe this agreement is unfair to America. Congressman Richard Gephardt said, "It is equivalent to an environmental agreement that excludes air and water." The September Texas AFL-CIO newsletter calls NAFTA's side agreements "a political sellout."

Organized labor leaders have protested NAFTA with conviction. President Clinton criticized the union's "strong armed, muscle-bound tactics" on NBC's "Face the Nation" Nov. 7. Representatives have been warned, if they vote to take jobs from Americans, the people have the same power next election day.

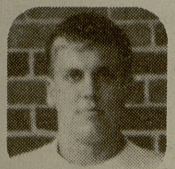
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"Do you think NAFTA is in the best interest of the country?"



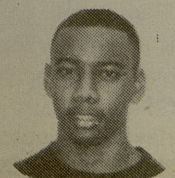
"No I think the quality of products will go down,

unemployment will go up." Deborah Tomlin sophomore



"I think it's in the best interest of the businessmen."

Eric Feller freshman



"Yes, I think we should open up trade. If Mexico is willing to

trade with us, I think we should."

Desi Brown freshman



"No, we don't have enough jobs to send to Mexico."

Melinda Starling freshman

HIV may cause no symptoms

By Jaymie Poeschl
staff writer

Most people will say it won't happen to them, but the scary part is that it may have already happened and they don't know it. Anyone who is sexually active or in a high risk group could be carrying HIV. They may feel fine and look fine and show no symptoms.

Gherri, Amy and Jhami helped a group of journalism students realize what a risk people take by not practicing safe sex.

They are all young adults about our age. They looked like us. They act like us, but their lives are in jeopardy because of a mistake. They did not protect themselves from AIDS.

Gherri knows that she contracted HIV sexually, but she does not know from whom. She had established a family, which she no longer has. She learned she was HIV positive when her infant son became sick with AIDS and later died. Her husband was also infected and they have divorced.

Amy contracted AIDS from the second boy she ever dated. She learned when her blood donation for her grandmother turned up HIV positive in routine screening. She was just getting ready to graduate high school when her father explained the blood bank's letter telling her she was HIV positive.

Gherri and Amy still do not show any symptoms, but Jhami learned he had full blown AIDS after he became ill on a trip to Mexico. He thought it was just dysentery, but he didn't get any better. He was taken to the hospital and was diagnosed with AIDS.

These three people, like most HIV-carriers had no symptoms in the early HIV-positive stage. Amy and Gherri found out they were infected because of circumstances. If Amy would have not given blood and Gherri and her husband had not had a baby they might still, unknowingly, be spreading the disease.

Their stories make us wonder how many out there are HIV positive and don't know it. They may or may not be living their life sensibly, but it only takes one time. And in Gherri's case, one time has wiped out a whole family.

Quilts stir memories

by Jon Perry
staff writer

As I wandered into the Tyler Museum of Art's exhibit, "Lonestars II: Texas Quilts 1936-1986," I was enveloped in a flood of nostalgia. I immediately drifted back to my early childhood, fondly reminiscing about snuggling on a cold night underneath the sublime comfort of one of my great-grandmother's hand-stitched quilts.

The nostalgia continued as I came upon the first piece, entitled "Founders' Star Quilt," a beautiful red and white star pattern set against a white field, stitched in 1986 by Marge Weisheit of West Columbia. I learned from her husband, who was standing nearby, that this particular piece required some 200 hours of work to create. I later discovered that Weisheit is a "quilting fiend" who also constructed a piece entitled "Texas Star of Independence," which took grand prize at the Great Texas Quilt Roundup of the Texas Sesquicentennial.

As I moved on, I found the others no less stunning. All were impeccably and painstakingly crafted by women from all regions of Texas.

Thomas ranged from the patriotic "The Great Eagle" to the rustic "Log Cabin" to the avant-garde "Orion," consisting of cross-stitched, luminescent material.

The piece that left the greatest impression was a quilt entitled "Lovers' Knot," simple in design, yet obviously an arduous, time-consuming piece of work, quilted

in 1940 by a Gilmer woman named Myrtle Patterson, at the depth of the Great Depression.

At that moment I put the exhibit in its proper perspective. Based upon what I saw in the room and memories of my great-grandmother, quilting can be seen as a microcosm of the American spirit. Call it whatever you will — work ethic, family values — but for me, quilting is representative of a time many of us yearn for, a time which seems irrevocably trapped in the past.

As I turned to leave, I finally noticed four elderly women, gathered in the center of the room, diligently at work stitching together a new quilt. I quietly observed them for a moment, listening to their casual, roundtable discussion encompassing their work, politics, the weather, and countless other topics. As I quietly left the building, a rush of warmth came about me; and hope — that an art form I had thought forever lost may be making a return, and that a time when one could see the love others put into their work is not forgotten.

Exhibits at Tyler Museum of Art:

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"Notes and Letters" by Greg Zoerlin

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"Born Free" by John Hernandez
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Drive-by shootings bring call for peace

by Hollisia Allen
staff writer

Over the past six months the drive-by shooting rate has increased more than 15 percent in Tyler. Many of the shootings are in North Tyler.

A few of my former classmates were targets of a "drive-by." One will probably have to wear a colostomy bag for his waste for the rest of his life. The other will have to use a walking cane for support due to the damage to his foot.

Why can't people sit down and talk about our differences and try to work them out in a sensible

manner? Black people have been through many trials — discrimination, unjust persecution and being looked as people with no backbone.

We do not need to be subject to negative attitudes for the rest of our lives. We should be among the main economic boosters of the next century.

Attempts to achieve anything worthwhile are damaged when our brothers and sisters cannot even get together for a social function without worrying about getting shot.

We should be pulling together as a race and trying to help each

other in any endeavors others are trying to achieve.

Everyone is still poking fun at Rodney King's statement, "Can we all get along?" but it is a true question. Can we get along?

Monetary value is not what makes the person. It is the character within that helps other persons to be better persons.

Drive-by shootings do not resolve the problem. They create more problems.

We as a community in Tyler and at TJC must stop looking down on one another. Let us try to pull together and get along with everyone.

CAMPUS NEWS

2 career workshops remain

Students and non-students can get help in selecting a career in Career Testing Workshops from 1 to 4 p.m. tomorrow and Dec. 17. The workshops will be in the Counseling Services Office test area on the second floor of Rogers Student Center.

Those who attend will take an aptitude test, two interest tests and get additional information about career planning.

Those interested can register at the Placement Office in 202 Pirtle Technology or the Counseling Office or by calling 510-2334 or 510-2388. The workshop is free for TJC students, but it costs \$10 for non-students, payable at the workshop.

Students to present one-acts

The Floating Theater Series will present two one-act plays at 3 p.m. Thursday and 5 p.m. Friday at the Jean Browne Theater Shop.

Dr. David Crawford will direct "The Long Voyage Home" written by Eugene O'Neill. Clarence L. Strickland will direct "Trifles" written by Susan Glaspell.

Admission is free.

Photography students win

Graphic arts and photography students won at the East Texas Fair photography contest.

Lynnda Marby won second, third and honorable mention in the category of animal-black and white.

Mary Wright won honorable mention in portraiture-black and white.

In the silhouette and sunset black and white category, Bobby Sanders won first and Meredith Gardner won third.

In open black and white, Phaedra Langham won both first and second.

Gardner took home a third place in the open-color category.

The winning photographs are displayed on the second floor of Pirtle Technology center.

Cosmic shows to end Sunday

Public shows at Hudnall Planetarium on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. will end Nov. 21 for the semester. Admission costs \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children age 11 and under and senior citizens. Admission is free for students with valid TJC or UTT identification.

The shows are based on the theme "Cosmic Catastrophes" and explore the question "Will the Earth always be like it is today?"

Star Parties give participants the chance to observe the moon through telescopes. The last Star Party will be Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at Windsor Plaza.

New Database to help PTK

Beginning this fall, Phi Theta Kappa members can be included in a Transfer Student Database. This new database will give senior institutions recruiting access to transfer students from two-year colleges. Information taken from the member's honor society profile forms will be available to senior institutions. Formats include grade point average and associate degree work.

Phi Theta Kappans can be included free.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity," freshman prospective member Liza Delgados said. "It really gives an incentive to know your work at TJC is being noticed."

Library displays Texas art

Artwork ranging from oil paintings to a hatchback with a windshield wiper is displayed in the Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center through Sunday.

Amy Murphy's oil painting, "The Quarrel," depicts a man and woman in the corner of a dark red room. This painting conveys the real, everyday emotion of a man explaining himself while the woman does her best to ignore him.

Alice Campbell painted a monotype called "Different Tastes," a picture of ordinary people looking at an art display, which is what the audience is doing. Among the characters are a father and son, a mature man intently studying and a backview of a solitary young woman sitting on a bench as if she, too, were looking at the art.

This show is sponsored by the East Texas Fine Arts Association.

Student Center plans movies

Movies to be shown in the Student Center are: "Groundhog Day" Nov. 22; "Dennis the Menace" Nov. 29 and "Made in America" Dec. 6.

The movies can be viewed at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Apache rooms 3 and 4. Admission costs \$1 with a TJC ID card. Free popcorn and soft drinks will be served.

AAUW offers women aid

Applications for the American Association for University Women will be available Monday in the counseling or financial aid offices, AAUW's spokeswoman Joann Rairigh said.

One scholarship is for a woman who meets the criteria including financial need and grade point average.

Applicants must be from the East Texas area and continuing their education at a higher institution.

Applications are due on Feb. 1, 1994.

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Students receive scholarships from UT Tyler

by Rachel Washburn
staff writer

Four sophomore journalism students won scholarships totaling \$7,000 last Friday at the University of Texas at Tyler Journalism Workshop.

Jaymie Poeschl won a \$3,000 scholarship. Jennifer Garrett and

Kristie Carter received \$1,600 each. Hollisia Allen received an \$800 scholarship.

All are editors on the TJC News staff. The funds will be available for them as UTT Patriot staffers in 1994-95 and 1995-96.



Photo by Rachel Washburn

WE'RE IN THE MONEY- TJC News editors Hollisia Allen, Jennifer Garrett, Kristie Carter and Jaymie Poeschl are overjoyed. They won a total of \$7,000 in scholarships to UTT. They will be part of the UTT Patriot staff starting next fall.

Team to teach new course

Next semester two instructors will team-teach a reading and writing course.

The course has been created to offer students concentrated reading and writing activities, Reading Instructor Susan Johnston said. She will teach the reading component. English Instructor Leo Davis will teach the writing part. They expect the course to improve reading and writing skills simultaneously and expose students to cultural and multicultural issues.

They will approach essays from a multi-cultural perspective to meet the Project 2001 objective of global awareness and understanding.

Johnston and Davis will teach English 0301 and Reading 0302 from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is designed for students who need Reading 0302 and Writing 0301.

For more information contact Johnston at 510-2461 or Davis at 510-2467.

"Receiving the scholarship made me realize that the 100 percent effort I have put in counts," Allen said.

"I was surprised and happy to win the scholarship. It will be put to good use for my future," Garrett said.

"I was surprised by the amount of my scholarship. I will do my best to live up to their expectations," Poeschl said.

Public Relations Specialist Bill Ferrell of Design Strategy told the audience of journalism students from East Texas colleges about the importance of good public relations.

Leslie Roberts of KETK-Region 56 spoke about broadcasting techniques and the importance of writing more concisely.

TJC journalism graduate Steve Blow, now a Dallas Morning News columnist spoke about writing. Dare to write simply, he said.

"Think for yourself and don't get discouraged," Blow said. "Don't give up."

Accents can affect career choices

by Tracie Oxman
staff writer

Native East Texans are likely to be cursed with the dreaded East Texas accent. But in certain career choices that accent can be trouble.

Elementary education major Lisa Heim said, "My East Texan slang causes a lot of problems with pronouncing my words."

"My accent could hinder my chances of getting a job with certain patients. They want a clear voice so they can understand you," nursing major Shannon Quada said.

Scott Milligan of Chandler is studying to be a professional actor. "Having an East Texas accent

could affect my job choice. If I move to New York and try to audition and say, 'How are ya'll', I most likely won't get the part. It's very important to have a non-regional dialect."

Psychology major Jeanie Carter said, "Having an accent could affect your career choice because with the accent goes a lot of slang."

Some students disagree.

Criminal Justice major Larry Reeves said, "Having an accent won't affect my career choice because most folks I work around are East Texans."

"I don't think in Texas your accent would be a problem. But

Volunteers are needed for the TJC Angel Tree. Campus Volunteer Coordinator Rebecca Foster said. Anyone interested can contact Scott Nalley at 510-2613.

Briarcliff Village needs help putting up Christmas decorations the first week of December. Volunteers can contact Debbie Isham at 561-4302.

The Castle needs help in the office from 5 p. m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. People are needed to check-out equipment, process applications and take sign-in sheets. The Castle also needs tutoring program help. Volunteers are needed to tutor individuals in all subjects. For more information contact Beth Powell at 593-9211.

The Salvation Army needs help getting ready for the holidays. For further information contact Ida at 592-4361.

St. Marcus Compassion House still needs many volunteers. Helpers are needed for: case work, putting out clothes that come in, tutoring, recreation, food, housing and employment. Volunteers are also needed just to visit with people and give them support. Anyone interested can call 597-7688.

Anyone interested in doing volunteer work can call Volunteer Center of Tyler at 592-6342 for information about organizations that need volunteers.

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Alcohol consumption carries health risks

by Jaymie Poeschl
staff writer

Whether alcoholism is a physical addiction, psychological dependence, inherited or learned has been debated, but there is no debate about the health risks of excessive consumption of alcohol.

Studies by the National Institute on Drug Abuse show that alcohol can cause brain and liver deterioration, poison the blood, damage the heart muscle and severely damage digestive organs. Abuse can also result in cancer, mental disorders, loss of sexual function and blood disorders.

The Student Senate sponsored Alcohol Awareness Week to teach students what can happen if they drink and drive. A simulated car accident and mock trial helped students experience how dangerous alcohol can be to intoxicated persons as well as anyone that may be in their path.

*'It will catch up
with you if you
don't make a
change.'*

Sophomore Bryan Moree appealed to students by giving his testimonial. While driving intoxicated Moree killed two girls. An emotional Moree wants students to take his message and learn a lesson he relives everyday.

"It will catch up with you if you don't make a change," Moree said.

According to alcohol brochures in the health services office, drinking and driving results each year in arrests of over one million, serious injuries to more than 500,000 people and costs billions of dollars.

Knowledge of health risks associated with drinking could save lives, injuries and money.



Photo by Troy Alexander

TOUCH YOUR NOSE—Tyler Police Officer David Dixon tests Student Senate Secretary Alycia Lender for sobriety. The test was part of a staged auto accident involving drunk drivers. The accident and a mock trial were part of the Student Senate sponsored Alcohol Awareness Week.

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Clinic offers women comprehensive health care

by Jessica Wright
staff writer

Millions of college students and other young adults are at risk of contracting the Human Immuno Deficiency Virus that causes AIDS, according to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga. College students must understand that the chain of alcohol and other drugs, risky sex practices, multiple sex partners and unprotected sex can lead not only to unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, but to HIV and AIDS.

One place that offers confidential, high quality, low-cost health services and information is Planned Parenthood located in Tyler at 3500- E. S. Broadway in the Old English Shopping Center.

Clinic Director Paula Riehle said Planned Parenthood is a comprehensive health care facility for women of all ages. Though the clinic is primarily for women, they do see male partners for STD

Women rarely choose adoption. Just as many women decide to keep their babies as decide to terminate them.

treatment, but they do not screen or diagnose men.

The clinic offers breast and pelvic exams, screening for sexually transmitted diseases, HIV testing, sickle cell anemia and pregnancy. They treat STDs and give birth control counseling and supplies.

The clinic sees patients by appointment only. New patients should call (903) 581-8277 on Monday mornings, so the appropriate amount of time can be spent with them, Riehle said. To receive treatment or birth control information, clients must fill out a brief health history form.

Patients seeking birth control are counseled about general health care and the different types of birth control offered. Once she has made a decision, the woman is examined and the birth control

she chooses is explained and given to her.

Those who come for pregnancy tests are counseled about options, Riehle said. It is important that pregnant women are able to look at the big picture before they make a decision. They are encouraged to get help from someone they are close to when they make their choices.

Planned Parenthood refers pregnant women to services for adoption, abortion or parenthood. These referral services are better equipped to handle the woman's emotional and physical needs, regardless of which option they choose, Riehle said.

Women rarely choose adoption. Just as many women decide to keep their babies as decide to terminate them. Most women will change their minds several times

before making a final decision, she said.

Planned Parenthood sees many college age women, 18-25. In the last five years, Riehle said, sexual activity has increased, but unplanned pregnancies have not and the number of sexually-transmitted diseases has leveled off among this age group. She believes college age adults are becoming sexually more responsible.

According to the CDC, many still do not understand the importance of safe sex. More than eight million cases of sexually transmitted diseases occur annually among men and women under 25. This means a college-age person contracts STD every 30 seconds. CDC studies indicate 14-16 is the average age of first sexual experience. Fifty-four percent of high school age youths continue to have sex on a regular basis and 19 percent have had four or more partners before they finish high school.

3 tell what it's like to battle with HIV, AIDS

By
Troy Alexander

Many years, news specials and pamphlets after AIDS became a major epidemic in America, people are still ignorant about the seriousness of this deadly disease.

Three young people with HIV/AIDS came to TJC to correct that.

Amy Dolph found out she had HIV when she was a senior in high school in 1986. She had gotten the virus through sexual contact with her boyfriend.

She received a letter from the blood bank telling her she carried the virus. Not understanding the medical mumbo-jumbo in the letter, Dolph said she handed the letter to her father to read. Her parents then had the grim task of explaining to their daughter that she carried the virus for the fatal disease.

Dolph said she grieved for days after being told she probably would die in five years. Then sud-

denly she made herself strong, set new goals and compacted them into those five years.

Dolph had ambitions to go to school, major in business so she could become a working woman and slowly climb the corporate ladder.

"Now I work for a non-profit organization," she said, and laughed. Those hopes she had of becoming rich and living the easy life are now overshadowed by her efforts to educate others about AIDS.

Gerri Briggs, like Dolph, contracted the virus through sexual contact in high school. Briggs didn't know she was an HIV carrier until her infant son was diagnosed with HIV.

Briggs' parents have been wonderful, she said, "especially considering the news that their grandson was dying of AIDS."

Briggs had different goals. More family oriented, she hoped to marry and rear the perfect family. AIDS has shattered those dreams. Her son has died and her

husband, also infected, is now ill and hospitalized. They are separated.

Jhamie Waters contracted the AIDS virus 10 to 11 years ago, but he did not know until May of 1991 he was HIV-positive. By that time the disease had already matured into full-blown AIDS.

Waters dropped out of high school and moved out of his parent's home when he was 16. He devoted most of his time to partying and having fun. It was probably during this time he contracted the virus, he said.

Waters matured, took the GED, entered college and graduated with honors from Lon Morris College in Jacksonville.

He earned a scholarship with which he enrolled in Southwestern University in Georgetown to major in English and minor in

communications. He hoped to teach, Waters said.

That summer he went to Mexico to visit a friend. He soon became ill, but dismissed his weakness, nausea and dysentery as due to the climate change.

"But when he returned home to Austin, he did not get any better. Waters collapsed when running to a class and was diagnosed at the hospital as having full-blown AIDS.

Soon after he gave up his personal educational goals to join Dolph and Briggs in their fight to educate against AIDS.

Both Briggs and Waters are certain they infected others with the virus before they found out they had it.

"My former partners were, of course, upset when they found out I had infected them, but they forgave me. They knew it wasn't

my fault since I didn't know," said Waters.

Today both Dolph and Briggs still are only HIV positive, though Briggs has begun showing some symptoms.

The three are trying to teach other young college people that AIDS can infect anyone. Individuals are responsible for their own actions.

"We have to account for our mistakes today," said Dolph.

Briggs, a native of Smithville, and Dolph live in Houston and work for the AIDS Foundation of Houston. Waters, a native of the Jacksonville area, now lives in Austin.

Tyler has 66 reported AIDS cases and 12 deaths from the disease. But TJC Health Services Nurse Zelda Boucher said there are probably many more unreported cases.

Students help abused women, children

By Rachel Washburn
staff writer

Hudnall Hall residents are donating their time to the East Texas Crisis Center, helping battered women and children. Three days a week students meet to help out wherever needed.

They help safe house residents adjust to their new living arrangements. Young children need special attention because they are confused and do not understand why they are there. Some just need someone to give them attention, while others need friends they can trust.

"There is nothing like seeing an abused child smile when they see you walk through the door."

*-Marie Goodman,
Crisis Center volunteer*

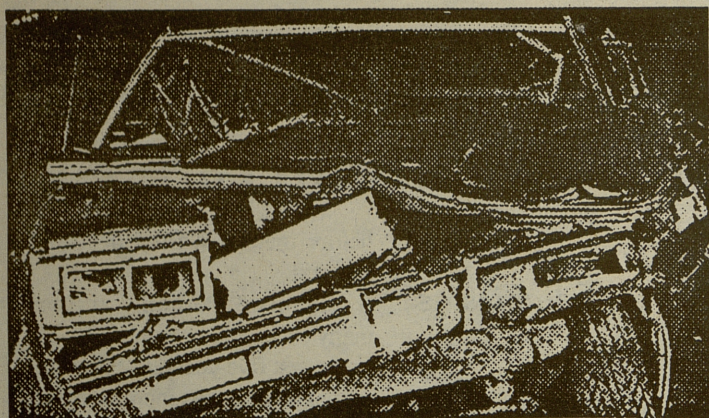
"There is nothing like seeing an abused child smile when they see you walk through the door or have them give you a hug. Sometimes they have been sexually abused and would shy away from any sort of contact," volunteer Marie Goodman said.

They also need clothes and other everyday necessities.

Canned goods and other foods as well as new toys would be appreciated for the holidays.

The shelter location is not made public to protect the women and children who live there. To make a donation or to become a volunteer, anyone can call 595-3199 or stop by the ETCC office at 3027 SE Loop 323.

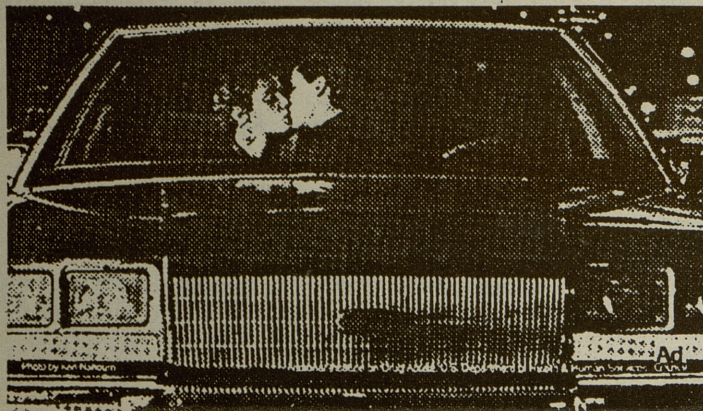
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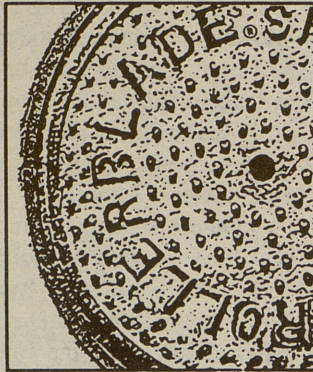
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Campus cafeteria seeks student suggestions, menu ideas

By Noelle Canion
staff writer

Food Service Director Brett Ladd wants to satisfy all the customers who eat 13,000 meals in the campus cafeteria each week.

To do that, the Marriott Corporation eatery serves a variety of healthy choices including a sufficient salad bar and a minimum of two vegetables for lunch and dinner.

A food committee plans the meals for the whole semester in advance. Students can attend these meetings and can suggest any meal they want, Ladd said.

Many students complain about the cafeteria food because they do not know there is an open door for them to make changes, Ladd said.

He keeps a comment box in the cafeteria and the menus are picked by popularity with the customers, he said.

Six hundred students have meal tickets for breakfast, lunch and dinner served seven days a week. The snack bar is also open for three meals daily.

Breakfast includes eggs, potatoes, pancakes, meat, biscuits and gravy. Lunch and dinner consists of three entrees plus hamburgers and hot dogs.

Students complain that

not enough is food being served and they cannot get seconds unless they go through the line again and pay more.

Lee Shivers from Palestine said he does not eat in the cafeteria because when he has eaten there he is still hungry and he has to go to Taco Bell. When Shivers does eat there, he only eats the hamburgers. "It smells like crap," Shivers said.

Campus Nurse Zelda Boucher eats the cafeteria food a lot and thinks it is good. She said it is much better now that Marriott provides the food. The kitchen is cleaner than last year, Boucher said.

"I haven't had anyone up here complaining about being sick from the food like I did last year when Marriott wasn't here," she said. Boucher said students' complaints this year are because they do not like the taste. The quality and cleanliness meet the health department standards also, Boucher said.

Another improvement from last year is having no lipstick stains on the glasses. "I don't have a problem with the healthiness of the food," Boucher said.

Ladd said the food may not be as healthy as it could be because they plan meals they think students would eat at home or when they go out to eat. Fresh-

man, Jimmy Wilcots, complained that the food stinks, is nasty and does not taste healthy. "All we have to eat is hamburgers and that is all I like in the cafeteria," Wilcots said.

Freshman, Tracy Davis, only likes the potatoes and the fried okra and says that "it only tastes all right." But, the most popular foods are hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and lasagna.

Casserole dishes are least popular, Ladd said, determined by what is taken back to the kitchen at the end of each meal.

Freshman Mike Masresha said the food is "kinda good" and he takes advantage of it because, "I don't have to go spend my money all of the time." His request are to serve seconds and more of his favorite dish, Chinese rice.

"The food really makes me throw up," Sophomore Laura Davis said. The only reason she eats it is because it is paid for, she said.

Eight TJC students work in the cafeteria. Next semester about 20 will be employed there. Ladd thinks it is good for the stu-

dents to realize what it is like to try to please students.

Student workers get free meals and flexible hours that work around their classes. The students serve and cashier.

Ladd stressed that he wants to work with students who eat in the cafeteria and he wants their feedback. The students can have healthy, more desirable food if they quite complaining and do something about it.

"The students can have a lot of say if they will talk," Ladd said. He wants their criticism and he said the door "is always open."

Asthmatics prepare for winter woes

By Hollisia Allen
staff writer

Asthma is a common disease and this is the season for many asthma attacks.

This lung disease causes episodes of wheezing, coughing, rapid breathing and choking for air, according to Health Check, a publication of the University of Texas at Tyler Health Center.

Asthma has mostly been known as a childhood disease, but many adults are realizing that one never outgrows it.

The incidence of asthma has increased by 29 percent, during the 1980s. Asthma deaths rose 31 percent during that period, according to Health Check.

"If a student has asthma, I want him to tell me."

-Zelda Boucher
Campus Nurse

"The basic problem in asthma is that the airways become inflamed, making them narrower," Dr. Brooke Nicotra said. She is medical director of the Adult Asthma Clinic at UTTHCT.

Students who have occasional shortness of breath constantly need to see the Campus Nurse Zelda Boucher, especially if asthma runs in the family.

"If a student has asthma, I want them to tell me so I won't give them an over-the-counter drug," she said.

Asthma can limit a person's activities, but if monitored, an asthmatic can do just about anything.



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Hepatitis B: 100 times more contagious than HIV

by Jaymie Poeschl
staff writer

Seven in eight college students do not know that the virus hepatitis B is sexually transmitted and potentially deadly, according to the American College Health Association. Most students also do not know that a vaccine will protect them from contracting the disease.

Hepatitis B is a 100 times more contagious than the HIV virus. Many times those infected do not know how they contracted the disease, a panel of doctors told students at a national journalism convention in Dallas last month.

On the panel were: Dr. Richard Duma, director of National Foundation for Infectious Disease, Psychosexual Therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer and Dr. Scott Spear, health director at University of Texas Arlington.

To illustrate how contagious the virus is, Dr. Duma asked students to imagine adding one teaspoon of HIV and one teaspoon of Hepatitis B virus to a swimming pool. A person would have to drink the whole pool to contract HIV and only one teaspoonful to contract hepatitis B.

Dr. Ruth urged students not to become a statistic. The disease strikes 100,000 college-age Americans each year. College students are among the highest at risk for sexually transmitted diseases including hepatitis B.

One in 20 Americans have been infected with the virus and 14 Americans die each day from hepatitis B-related illnesses, according to the American College Health Association.

Symptoms are: skin rashes, arthritis, fatigue, vomiting, loss of appetite, jaundice (yellowing of the eyes and skin), abdominal pain, nausea and mild, flu-like

illnesses. Those infected may experience no symptoms at all.

The panel emphasized how many people do not know how they got hepatitis B because it is so contagious. Many people do not know they have it. Silent carriers unknowingly spread the dis-

ease and eventually become seriously ill themselves.

Some daycare centers are now requiring new infants to have the vaccine, but it is not yet a legal requirement. Most older children, teenagers and adults do not know the vaccine exists.

The Smith County Health Department provides the vaccine to infants.

"We don't have the vaccine, but do the shots for certain groups, who buy the vaccine," Dixie Pickering, assistant director of nurses, said.

The groups, Pickering explained, are people who put themselves at risk everyday, such as health care professionals, first-line responders or anyone who comes into contact with blood or body fluids.

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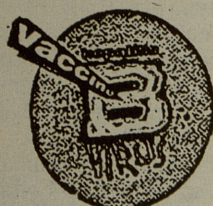
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Drive-by shootings rise, frighten Tyler residents

Tyler citizens are frightened by the 65 drive-by shootings in Tyler since January. Shootings have increased recently.

"We think that it is a very serious problem and if we don't take steps to solve this problem as a community, lives are going to be lost," Gregg Roberts, Tyler Police Department detective, said.

Roberts said failure to understand the consequences and lack of parental guidance may be parts of the problem.

Involvement in these crimes can possibly destroy the future of every participant. Whether they are driving, shooting the weapon or just riding in the suspect vehicle, they can be charged with an offense under Texas laws. Felony convictions can make a person ineligible for some jobs, federal assistance with education and business and professional licenses.

Suspects may be charged with felony offenses ranging from aggravated assault to murder. The least felony offense for this

crime, aggravated assault, carries a punishment of two to 10 years in prison and/or a fine not to exceed \$10,000. The highest felony offense for this crime is capital murder which carries a punishment of death or life imprisonment, according to the Texas Penal Code.

"I think if people were aware of the consequences of their actions, they would be reluctant to be involved in violent crimes, such as drive-by shootings," Roberts said.

"I don't think people realize or understand that even if they don't shoot the gun they can still be charged with the crime."

Young people commit a majority of the drive-by shootings.

"I believe that if people stopped and took time to realize that this could affect them the rest of their lives, they may not become involved," Roberts said.

Campus officer helps city police

Campus Safety Officer Gayland Anderson helped arrest a suspect in an armed robbery Oct. 24 at EZ Mart on South Fleishel.

Anderson became suspicious when he saw a car with no headlights driving by Bateman Hall. An alarm had just sounded on Anderson's radio about the robbery. He pulled over the car whose license plate matched the license number announced on his radio and held the three occupants as she notified Tyler Police and waited for them to arrive and take over.

Anderson happened to be at the right place at the right time, Campus Safety Director Gene Carney said. "Our officers are very knowledgeable and they watch for bad guys."

Campus officers work closely all law enforcement agencies, he said. Anderson just happened to see this vehicle coming with no headlights and thought he could help. Anderson, who works midnight to 7 a.m. could not be reached for comment.

"Whenever we hear distress, we stand by if it is in our vicinity and do anything we can to help," Carney said.

Carney said he is serious about stopping crime on campus and students should not worry because a campus officer will be there to help them.

He recalled a shooting a few years ago after a basketball game on campus.

"No one is going to come on to our campus and think they can pull out a gun," Carney said.

Racism teleconference unites campuses

Racism on campuses drew some students and a few faculty to a teleconference last week.

Former U.S. Senator Julian Bond moderated a panel of five college educators. No students were panelists. The

audience was students and faculty from colleges linked by a telecommunications network.

Racism is a problem. "We are taught to not appreciate another's background," one participant said.

"Students are close-minded and won't open their minds enough to learn to communicate with one another," Barnard College psychology professor Jacqueline Flemming responded.

"People have to become aware of their own prejudices before they judge someone else. Diversity helps communities," Curtis Polk, University of Texas at Austin race relations counselor, said.

Diversity is the variety of cultures and individuals in a society. Because it is populated almost entirely by immigrants, the United States has more diversity than most nations.

Keith Tucker, a 21-year-old sophomore, said, "I think TJC is equal to both black and white students. I don't see anything that separates us." Tucker is a black student.

"Campus safety favors the whites more than they do blacks. If they see us doing something and the whites doing the same thing, they get on to us," said 20-year-old Andrea Thomas. Thomas is also a black student.

"There is a need for ethnic groups in colleges. Students need to understand their own identity and it's a way to meet each other," Flemming said.

"Student organizations are a marvelous source of support," Paul Shang of Colorado State University said.

"They work only for people who have minds enough to understand exactly what they need to hear," Polk said.

"It's not going to work with students only," Gloria Romero, who teaches Chicano studies at Loyola Marymount University, said. "The faculty needs to get involved also."

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Roommates: Potluck or someone you know?

by Jennifer Brown
staff writer

Adjusting to living with a new person and sharing your personal belongings can be fun, but not all roommates find it so. New students at TJC or any other college who choose residential life have two choices: they can pick a roommate from someone they already know, or they can take potluck and hope that it turns out to be a good experience.

Some students choose as their roommate a girl or guy they already know. This sounds safer, but it is not always a happy solution.

Freshman Melissa Kirby said living with someone you already know is harder. You have to get used to them using your stuff. You may find out that the person you thought you knew is not someone you like, she said.

Kelli Taylor said her roommate from home is fun to have around at times when she needs to talk to someone who knows a lot about her. But when she wants to be alone or she wants to meet new people, she feels hemmed in. She went away from home to meet new people and make new friends.

Sophomore Michelle Templain said when she decided to live in the dorm her second year, she liked knowing her roommate's habits, likes and dislikes and what they had in common.

It's just easier this way "because you already know the person you are sharing your personal stuff with," Templain said. "You don't have to worry about a stranger coming in and ruining or stealing something."

Sophomore Harrison Lee said in his first year here he had a roommate he had not known before. His phone messages never got back to him, causing him to miss important job opportunities. He was always worried that his roomie would take his clothes when he would go home for the weekend.

Harrison said that he "hated it so much that he took most of his clothes and always stayed in a friend's apartment, wasting his parents' money."

Sophomore Jay Harris said his first year here he had a roommate he knew already, but it just was not a good situation. Harris

said when you room with someone you already know, it makes it a lot harder to make new friends and keep the old.

Knowing your roommate could be a lot better than taking potluck, Sophomore Patrice Jackson said that she had a bad experi-

ence with her first potluck roommate. Jackson said her roommate would turn out all of the lights at night and then get angry at her when she would turn them on to study or to get ready in the morning.

"It's not worth all of the

trouble," she said. "You don't know anything about this person and it's harder to get along with someone who you know nothing about."

"It could ruin your dorm life experience, and it even made me want to move home," Jackson said.

Instead I moved out of the room and moved in with a girl I met in the dorms and had a much better time."

Some students who take potluck love their roommates and become the best of friends and room together by choice.

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Coats warm kids' hearts, bodies

Hollisia Allen
staff writer

Acting as if it were Christmas morning and they were receiving a new toy, the children's faces lit up as they received new coats last Saturday.

Don Barron, Good Samaritan Center director, said the selection of Coats for Kids was nice.

Coats ranged from short wind-breakers and denim jackets to long wool coats. The children, from infants to 16-year-olds, also got to choose from hats, gloves and even shoes.

The expressions on the children's faces were unforgettable as they picked out coats collected by TJC students.

Many in the line for handouts were

Hispanic because the center is in a predominately Hispanic neighborhood.

"The turnout was better on the past Saturday because we ran out of coats and we had turn away 100 people," Barron said.

They ran out of girls' coats because girls are more choosy. They also began to run short of infants' coats. The boys are easier to fit and please, Barron said.

Many volunteers are really enthusiastic about helping with the project. "It helps to know some Spanish, at least the basics, so it won't be hard to communicate with them," a volunteer said.

"We need volunteers to help. We are asking anyone to come out to help us," Volunteer Salvador Sanchez said.

Distribution will continue Saturday at Good Sam. Call Barron at 592-0868 to help.

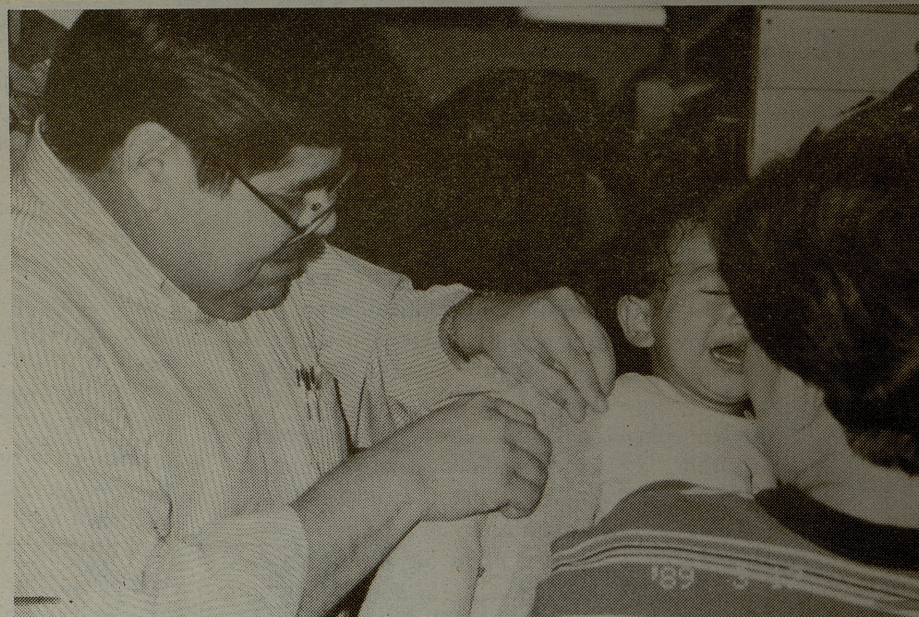


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TRY THIS FOR SIZE—Volunteer Salvador Sanchez helps a mother find a coat for her young daughter. Volunteers and coats are needed for this Saturday at Good

MORE COATS NEEDED—Volunteers and coats are needed to distribute Saturday at Good Samaritan Center. TJC students have twice given Coats for Kids, but the need continues. To donate coats or time, call Good Sam, 592-0868.



Photo by Hollisia Allen

Some students favor combining UTT-TJC

Lisa Henderson
staff writer

TJC students could be directly affected if the University of Texas at Tyler becomes a four-year university. One possibility would be to combine TJC and UT Tyler to make a four-year school. Four of seven interviewed favor this idea; three oppose it.

Lynn Burkett, nursing major from Van, said combining the two schools is a good idea because there will be one curriculum, not two. She would still go to TJC even if tuition cost more because more classes will be made available.

Secondary education major Mary Beth Guffey of Tyler says it is a good idea because there will be coordinated curriculum and expanded facilities. She would shop for lower tuition but would probably remain at the TJC campus.

Chris Craft, engineering major from the Tyler area, believes it would work. A four-year university would help bring in students who did not want to travel to a large city. Costs may rise and it may cause students to seek financial aid, but, Craft said, "I would pay for it."

Business major from Tyler, Mark Grimes believes the new university would work. He understands that cost would rise,

but he would pay and continue to attend here. He thinks traveling between the two campuses might be odd.

Some students do not think it is a good idea to combine the two campuses. They cite higher tuition, too many people and other factors as reasons not to merge them.

Kinesiology major Brad Crawford, originally from Amarillo, said merging UTT and TJC would be a good idea only if more classes were available. He would pay for the wider class availability, but he thinks all students should go to a junior college before entering a university. "I think students should get used to a junior college first," Crawford said.

Undecided major Leona Colquitt said it is nice to go to a school with not as many people. She wants to stay where the classes are medium size. Besides, Colquitt believes, a four-year school would cause prices to rise and that is a major factor students need to think about.

Troy Alexander from Orange thinks this is not a smart idea. If it were to change, he would still go here even if tuition would rise, but he does not agree with this proposal. "It (TJC) has worked for 60 or so years. Why change it now?" Alexander said.

Financial aid renewals to come this month

Jessica Wright
staff writer

Students should get right to work on 1994-95 financial aid renewal application which they will receive this month, Candice Garner, assistant director of financial aid said. Though renewals cannot be signed, dated or mailed until Jan. 1, 1994, it is wise to have them ready to go by then.

Some students will not receive renewal applications. Incorrect social security number, default on a previous student loan or a change of address can keep the renewal from arriving. Those who do not receive

renewals must come to the financial aid office and fill out another application, Garner said.

The renewal forms ask for the same information as '93-'94 applications except income items may have changed.

The renewal form allows space for students to update any information or change the colleges listed. A new list of college codes will be available at high schools, public libraries and the financial aid office. The TJC code for is 00-36-48.

Those who need information or help completing forms can contact Garner at 2386.

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NBC reporter discusses recovery

NBC News economic correspondent Irving R. Levine, discussed the economic recession and recovery in Tyler last week.

Levine credited low interest rates today to the enormous over-building in the 1980s. This, combined with the recession in Japan and Europe which caused them not to buy American goods helped to keep rates low. Using political humor and personal references, Levine entertained the crowd of approximately 650 people at the University of Texas at Tyler distinguished lecture series.

The U.S. economy is not responding to the low interest rates, Levine said. He blamed the Clinton administration's "flip-flopping" in both foreign and domestic affairs and corporate downsizing in large American firms.

The budget deficit may not be as big a problem as economists once thought, Levine said. He warned that the president and Congress are planning spending increases with spending cuts promised in the future. This inevitably will force the economy back into recession because the government competes with citizens and businesses to borrow money to help pay their debts.

Levine suggested solutions to get the economy back on track:

- a cut in spending in such areas as the military and government programs,
- a line item veto to allow the president the power to veto only select parts of a bill instead of having to veto or pass a bill in its entirety,
- a balanced budget amendment along with performance pay for the congresspersons to help get important bills and laws passed, and
- state laws limiting the terms of U.S. senators and representatives.

Betty Nelson highlights journalism skills

By Jennifer Garrett
staff writer

Public Information Director Betty Nelson told journalism students that they learn valuable skills for any career.

"As a journalism student, you learn skills, in my mind, to do whatever you want to do," she said.

Nelson said a friend of hers who is a lawyer now, majored in journalism in college because he believed journalism skills are important.

Writing, communicating, computers, curiosity and initia-

tive were just a few skills Nelson said students should obtain to reach their goals in life.

Nelson is the media spokesperson for TJC and is in charge of all advertising and media relations within the College.

"There is so much opportunity that goes on here," Nelson said.

If one person benefits, Nelson feels she has done her job well.

"I'm always interested in what other people are doing," Nelson said.

Nelson said sometimes she is bothered by people talking about

the media.

"Mistakes are made, but it's not intentional," she said.

"They (media) are not intentionally manipulating information."

People usually remember the negative and not the positive, she said. Nobody is perfect.

"If you have tried and tried as hard as you can, then you've done the best you can," Nelson said.

Nelson, who has been employed by TJC for 10 years, received a journalism degree from Texas Tech and has lived in Tyler for 16 years.

Internships make connections, build resumes

Professor Terry Meirer talked about the importance of internships at the 69th National College Media Convention in Dallas.

"Certainly internships are valuable," Meirer, who teaches journalism at the University of Oklahoma, said.

An internship will give you that material to build your resume or portfolio, he said.

"Internships help make those necessary connections and give you access to other positions available," Meirer said.

Meirer told students to "position yourself to make yourself stand out."

Internships are available in broadcast television stations, cable companies, newspapers, radio stations, peripheral organizations and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The Academy provides a paid internship of \$3,000 for eight weeks in Los Angeles, Meirer said. Individuals have 32 choices from acting to stage manager. The Academy chooses 30 people each

year and the deadline is March 30 every year.

Talking to publication advisers and seeking out and creating your own internships are methods, he suggested.

Interns should make the internship work, Meirer said. They should force involvement, avoid typecasting and document and preserve all their work to show employers.

Meirer said students should seek an internship whether it pays or not.

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